What did early Africans contribute to America?

<http://slaverebellion.org/index.php?page=african-contribution-to-american-culture>

From Joseph E. Holloway

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Did Africa survive with African American’s?  Historian’s Debate |
| E. Franklin Frazier believed | That black Americans lost their African heritage during slavery and the African American culture evolved independently of any African influences. |
| Melville Herskovits believed | That it was not possible to understand and appreciate African American culture without understanding its African linkages and carryover. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Where did Africans influence? |
| West Africans influenced mostly | Euro-American culture |
| The Bantu people primarily | Left an African cultural heritage to African Americans. |

*“Africans used Old World Knowledge to create New World realities.”*

What does the author mean by this statement? Give 4 examples from the reading to support this statement.

|  |
| --- |
|  |